

REMARKS

Applicant amended the Specification to include the proper priority information.

Applicant also amended the Specification and Abstract to correct obvious grammatical errors and obvious errors in reference numerals in the text. Applicant respectfully submits that these changes do not introduce new matter. See MPEP §2163.07.

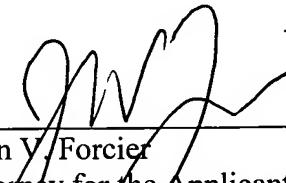
In addition, Applicant introduced new claims 24–56 and hereby cancels claims 1–23, without prejudice. Applicant requests that this amendment be entered prior to counting the claims in this continuation application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 24–56 are currently pending and presented for examination.

Support for the newly introduced claims 24–56 can be found throughout the Specification, and at least at paragraphs [0009], [0011]–[0013], [0015], [0020], [0039]–[0041], [0046], [0050], [0053]–[0055], and [0059]; in FIGS. 1–2, 6, and 9–11; and in the originally-filed claims 1–23. Accordingly, no new matter is added by the introduction of new claims 24–56.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these amendments, cancel claims 1–23 without prejudice, and allow claims 24–56 in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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